Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—That is the answer given to a previous question. The appointment was made and extension granted in the interests of the State.

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—There is no mistake in the answer. The question was "the names of gazetted officers in the service of the State who have been given extension or have been appointed after their 55th year". So his name was included. The question covers both the points, those who were given extension and those who were appointed after their 55th year. Extension is only by renewal of contract.

President.—The verbal accuracy has not been maintained.

596. Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Will the Government be pleased to place on the Table copies of Government Proceedings issued in 1102 and 1103 showing the names of the officers who are to retire in the next year and why was extension given, if any, subsequently to any of the officers in the retiring list?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—Vide answer to question No. 408 (2). In regard to the latter part, extensions were given in the interests of the service.

597. Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Will the Government be pleased to state the names of officers who were refused extension of service beyond the age-limit in 1102, 1103 and 1104 on application and the reasons for the refusal in each case?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—Vide list appended. (*Appendix VII.*) The applications were refused as, in the opinion of the Government, there were not sufficient reasons to grant their requests.

Medical Supply.

598. Mr. A. B. Salem.—Will the Government be pleased to inform:—

(a) the last year on which the Medical Department took supplies from Messrs. Ferris & Co., Ltd.;

(b) will the Government be pleased to place on the Table the complete list of the last year's supply of medicines and instruments, etc., ordered from Messrs. Ferris & Co., Ltd., together with their invoices and a statement of the costs incurred therefor in the shape of payment to any one towards landing charges, etc., with reference to that supply;

(c) will the Government be pleased to place on the Table a complete list of the medicines and instruments supplied to the Medical Department by Messrs. Dada & Co., since the contract for the supply of medicines and instruments has been given to them together with the list of prices, charges and freight and

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other incidental expenses incurred by the Department on account of the same supplies ;

(d) will the Government be further pleased to place on the Table the invoices for the supplies of medicines and instruments, etc., for the last year's supply by Ferris & Co., referred to in question No. (b) and the invoices of Dada & Co., referred to in question No. (c) above, sent by the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer to the Comptroller of Accounts out of the triplicate supplied by Messrs. Ferris & Co., Ltd., and Dada & Co., as vouchers ;

(e) will the Government be pleased to inform whether the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer has called for reports or opinions from any of his subordinates regarding the supplies of medicines to the institutions under them since the contract was given to Messrs. Dada & Co., for supplies ;

(f) will the Government be pleased to call for the same, peruse, and place them, if unobjectionable, on the Table of the House ;

(g) will the Government be pleased to inform whether the Civil Surgeon of Trichur has reported on the cost of the medicines supplied to the Trichur Hospital under his charge; and

(h) if so, will the Government be pleased to call for that report and peruse and place it on the Table of the House?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—Vide answer to question No. 170 of the last Legislative Session of Vrischigam 1104.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—I am referred to question 170 which is identical with this one. Last time I did not reach this question. May I know whether you maintain that these papers were destroyed?

Mr. A. Sankara Menon.—I rise to a point of order. I have to refer you, Sir, to Rule 8 (g), which lays down that a question once fully answered may not be asked again.

President.—The President did not disallow the question under the Rule.

Mr. A. Sankara Menon.—The question is not necessary. The Member is referred back to the answer already given. Perhaps this was not noticed.

President.—The point on the other side would be, it is for the President to rely upon this Rule and to shut out the question; the President has allowed the question.

Mr. A. Sankara Menon.—The question has been already answered once and no fresh answer is given. He is referred back to a previous answer, that is all.

President.—So, with reference to that answer, he can put supplementary questions.

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Mr. A. Sankara Menon.—He can put supplementary questions as fresh questions and for that fresh notice must be given.

President.—So that the answer is before you.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—My question was not answered. My question did not reach the House. Last time what happened was that the time was up. It has not reached the House. I, therefore, repeat the question.

President.—The answer has already been made. You can put supplementary questions on that.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—I am only putting supplementary questions-

President.—Supplementary questions as fresh questions. Now the answer has been revealed in the Vrischigam Session. You know what the answers are.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—I am only putting supplementary questions on that.

President.—You had no opportunity to put fresh questions.

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—Supplementary questions were not answered. He himself asked for the indulgence of the House and he took the consequence.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—My question has been admitted and it is answered and now it is in the agenda. I do not think you can go beyond the agenda.

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—It is a mistake.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—Whose mistake? No mistakes can be rectified now. The question was read by the Secretary now and the answer is there and I am referred back to another answer, I put supplementary questions on that.

Mr. A. Sankara Menon.—A question once answered cannot be put again. The question was once answered.

Mr. T. K. Krishna Menon.—It was answered. Rule 13.

President.—You put the question and the answer was furnished. If you say that the question was not read in the House, as the time was up, it cannot be taken as a proper ground. The same answer is given now, and you say you are entitled to put supplementary questions.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—My question is a fresh one, and it has been answered in full and so I have the right to put supplementary questions.

President.—The present answer is only in a simplified form.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—The Department should have stated that this question was once fully answered and so it should not have been admitted.

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President.—That is another matter. It is only a simple statement for answer and you are referred to another answer.

Mr. A. Sankara Menon.—May I say one word? The Rules say and the Standing Orders say that questions may be put. As a matter of practice questions and answers are printed and when the Secretary reads out the questions,.....

Mr. K. Ayyappan.—Can the Hon'ble Law Member question the rulings of the President?

President.—You need not be very technical in these things.

Mr. A. Sankara Menon.—When the number of the question is read out, and it is at that time that the point of order is to be taken. Instead of the Member standing up and putting the question, the questions and answers are printed and when the Secretary reads the number of the question, that means that the question is put. That is the time for taking objection.

President.—I do not follow you.

Mr. A. Sankara Menon.—The Rule is that questions once fully answered shall not be asked again. I say the question is asked only when the Secretary reads the number of the question. It is at that time, instead of the Member standing up and putting the question the Secretary reads the number of the question.

President.—Has it not reference to the admissibility of the question?

Mr. A. Sankara Menon.—No question shall be asked unless under the following conditions:—

Mr. A. B. Salem.—I rise to another point of order. The Government Advocate is entirely out of order. Rule 12. "No discussion in the Council shall be permitted in respect of any order of the President under Rules 7, 10 or 11." Rule 10 says "The Secretary shall submit every question of which notice has been duly given to him to the President who may either allow it, or, when any question is not properly framed, may either himself amend it in such a way as to render it admissible or may cause it to be returned to the Member concerned for the purpose of amendment." Later on the President may allow.

President.—That is all.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—In spite of any order of the President under Rules 7, 10 or 11 this is in the nature of an objection. It says that once the order has been made by the President and the question goes or is allowed it cannot be discussed at all.

President.—But he is on another point.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—His point is that a question once answered may not be answered again.

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Mr. A. Sankara Menon.—Rule 8 (g).

President.—That is a rule of admissibility. Every time the question comes these conditions are borne in mind. If you rely upon only (g), it is a question of admissibility.

Mr. A. Sankara Menon.—That relates to the question put in this House also.

President.—The questions are placed before the President. He looks into all these conditions whether any condition is violated with regard to that. He then admits the question. It goes to be answered. If the Government finds that the question has been improperly admitted, they submit the question again for re-consideration. In the Vrischigam Session the question was put and then the answer was given. The President ought to have seen that this was the same question which was once fully answered. It is the duty of the President to see if the question has been once answered and the question ought not to have been allowed. The President made a mistake here. He allowed the question to be put in the question paper book. The question has been answered.

Mr. A. Sankara Menon.—But he is referred back to the other answer.

President.—That is why I say it is a simplified form, instead of repeating all these answers.

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—We have nearly wasted 12 minutes on this point of order. I request that the time may be extended by 12 minutes.

President.—You have the right to put the supplementary questions, Mr. Salem.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—May I know the year on which these records were destroyed?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—I want notice. I do not remember all.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—Is there any record kept with regard to the destruction of records in your office?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—I think so, Sir.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—May I know, Sir, what is the difficulty in preparing? The answer is that it is so difficult and impractical to prepare the lists. There are only four years' lists.

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—I want to know definitely which is the sub-division.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—599 (a).

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—We have not reached that. It was not called.

599. Mr. A. B. Salem.—Will the Government be pleased to inform:—

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